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TAGS: PK, SREF
SUBJECT: AFGHAN REFUGEES: IRC PROBLEMS WITH GOP MAY BE OVER
REF: STATE 145509

1. IRC PROGRAM, AFTER A GLITCH, SEEMS TO BE MOVING ALONG TO THE SATISFACTION OF IRC REP. ALLEN JONES. JONES SEES NO NEED FOR THE EMBASSY TO WEIGH IN AT THIS TIME.

2. IRC PROBLEMS BEGAN LAST WEEK WHEN UNHCR REP. KOHAUT RECEIVED A LETTER FROM MINISTRY OF STATES AND FRONTIER (SAFRON) SAYING THAT VOLAGE MAY NOT BE NECESSARY SINCE THE GOP/UNHCR TEAMS SEEMED TO BE HANDLING THE SITUATION QUITE WELL. AT THIS TIME IRC WAS TRYING TO GET A TAX EXEMPTION WHICH WOULD ENABLE IT TO PROCURE AND EQUIP A MOBILE MEDICAL TEAM AND WAS ALSO TRYING TO GET APPROVAL OF ITS LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE GOP VALIDATING IRC'S ACTIVITIES IN PAKISTAN. AFTER HEARING ABOUT THE SAFRON LETTER, IRC PROBLEMS HAVE BEEN FURTHER SLOWED OR CANCELLED.

SAFRON SECRETARY NIAZI AND THE SITUATION SEEMED TO HAVE BEEN ASSURED IRC THAT ITS REQUEST FOR TAX EXEMPTION WOULD BE GRANTED AND THAT

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SAFRON WOULD SEND A LETTER TO THIS EFFECT TO THE

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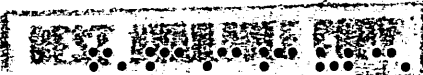
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CENTRAL BOARD OF REVENUE. EMBASSY SUBSEQUENTLY MADE CONTACT WITH THE CBR AND WAS TOLD THAT INDEED THE EXEMPTION WOULD BE GRANTED AS SOON AS CBR RECEIVED THE LETTER FROM SAPHON. INC REP JONES SAID THE LETTER WAS TO GO TO THE CBR THIS WEEK AND THAT INC WOULD PROBABLY HEAR THE RESULTS ON THURSDAY. SABAR ALSO TOLD JONES THAT HE WOULD LOOK INTO THE LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING TO SEE WHERE IT STOOD.
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